

"Extract from Entry from Marquis KIDO's Diary, 26 Sept 41"

September 26th, 1941 - (Extract)

I met Prince KONOYE at 4 p.m. and talked with him until 5.15 p.m. He stated that he had no confidence, and there was no choice for him but to consider his resignation if the Military insisted on starting a war on 15 October. I hoped that he would be prudent.

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木戸侯参日記

昭和十六年九月二十六日分

九月二十六日 (金)

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午前九時山下龍三郎氏来訪面談  
十時二十分ヨリ十一時五分迄拜謁  
十一時半武官長来室園内問題ニ對ス  
ル軍ノ見解ヲ陳ク  
三時高松官邸ニ伺候殿下ニ拜謁先般  
御申付ノ疾父官ニ重要圖策等ヲ言上  
云々ノ件 陛下ノ恩召又官相其他ノ  
意向中御主治醫ノ見解等ヲ以テ判斷  
スルニ未ダ其ノ時期ニアラズ寧ラ御  
静養ヲ要ストノコトナル故長崎ノ方  
面ヨリノ言上ハ今暫ク差し控ヘルコト  
トシ只高松官邸見舞ヒ被遊場合ニハ  
陛下ノ恩召ヲ依シ適宜言上ヲ願フコ  
トトシタク右ハ陛下ノ御許ヲモ得タ  
ル旨言上御承諾ヲ得タリ

又ニ所ニ歸ル事御旨ヲ退下シタ

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ル近衛首相ト西時ヨリ五時十五分頃  
迄懸談ス、軍部ニ於テ十月十五日ヲ  
期シ是ガ非デモ戦争開始ト云フコト  
ナレバ自分ニハ自信ナク進退ヲ考フ  
ル外ナシト苦衷ヲ述ベラレシ故切ニ  
慎重ナル考慮ヲ希望ス

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九月二十九日（月）雨

午前九時半奇松寺僧ヲ招キ松永寺祿御命日ニツキ  
讀經ヲ爲ス

十時過出勤今村別當來室高松宮ニ言上ノ件ヲ傳フ

十時五十五分ヨリ十一時三十五分廻拜謁

高松宮ヨリ御話ノ件ニツキ秩父宮如殿下ニ御話ア  
リタル旨御話アリタリ

米國ノゴム保有量並ニ中南米ニ於ケル生産高及、  
錫ノ保有量並ニ米國が獲得シ得ル土地

右調査方御下命アリ依ツテ秘書官長ヨリ企畫院總  
裁ニ連絡ス

十一時四十分武官長來室總長拜謁ニツキ連絡アリ  
タリ

一時半橋本伯來訪豫テ勸メ置キタル養子ノ件ヲ斷  
リニ來ラレタルナリ

二時半原樞相來訪萬一日米國交調整不調ニ終リ重大  
決意ヲ爲サザルベカラザルニ至リタル場合ニハ從

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來ノ如キ形式的ノ御前會議デナク重臣等ヲモ加ヘ  
眞ニ意見ノ開陳ヲ主トスル會議ヲ開クノ要アルベ  
ク考慮セラレタシトノコトナリシ故慎重考慮ヲ約  
ス  
三時半廣幡太夫來室業山行幸御所望云々ノ話アリ  
シ故外交々涉ノ經過ニ鑑ミ今暫ク御待ヲ願フ旨希  
望ス外相參内拜謁後五時半ヨリ六時半頃迄懇談ス  
七時山口恭右氏來邸面談



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"Extract from Entry from Margait KITO's Diary, 7 Oct 41"

October 7th, 1941 - (Extract)

TOMITA, the chief Secretary to the Cabinet, visited me at 12.45 a.m. to talk about our negotiations with the U.S.A. He stated as follows: "The Army was of the opinion that there was no room left for the continuance of the parley, while the Navy held the reverse view. But the officers of medium standing of the Army and Navy were agreed in their strong determination. The Navy's desire for the Premier was that he should immediately declare his resolution and assume leadership in order to meet the serious situation. First of all, the Premier should talk with the War Minister who has a resolute opinion, in order to promote a better understanding between them, after that a meeting between the Premier, the War Minister and the Navy Minister would be desirable to settle our national policy in respect of the war against the U.S.A."



木戸侯爵日記

昭和十六年十月七日分

十月七日（火）

晴曇 午後十時出勤

十一時官相來三演官様御婚禮ノ日ニツキ話アリタリ

十一時三十分ヨリ十二時十五分迄拜謁

十二時半中村登衛局長來室時局情報ヲ聴ク

十二時四十分富田書記官長來訪對米交渉ニツキ左ノ如ク話アリタリ

米國ノ覺悟ニツキ陸軍ハ望ナシトノ解釋ナルガ海軍ハ見込アリトシテ交渉繼續ヲ希望ス而シ陸海軍トモ中堅ハ一致シテ強硬決意ヲ要望ス海軍側ハ首相ハ此際通牒ナク決意ヲ宣明シ政局ヲ指導セラレタシト要望ス先ツ首相ハ強硬意見ヲ有スル陸相ト充分意見ヲ交換シタル後陸海外ノ三相ヲ招キ自己ノ決意ヲ披瀝シ協力ヲ求ムル筈ナリ

一時秋山尉司長一時半下園佐吉氏來訪面談

三時半ヨリ四時十五分迄拜謁

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